

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

IAC Conference Room
100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 1, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Dick Stifel, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Jeanne Mirro (ex officio)

Members present via teleconference: Dick Stifel, Karen Ellerbrook, Irene Smith-King, Suzie Rentschler, Jan Shupert-Arick (RAP Chair)

Members absent: Ron Stratten, Gilberto Cárdenas, Judy Hess

IAC Staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Stifel convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Ms. Mirro moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Rentschler seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Year End Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the IAC financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2009. The Arts Commission concluded FY2009 with a surplus of \$16, 027.

4. **Looking to a New Strategic Planning Process.**

A. Mr. Stifel opened a discussion about forming a Steering Committee which would oversee the Strategic Planning process, whether such a sub-committee is desirable, and what the make-up of such a committee might be. The committee agreed that a Steering Committee was indeed a good idea and that it would report to the Committee on the Future. The Steering Committee should include representatives from a broad spectrum of interested constituencies state-wide. Some of these groups might include Regional Arts Partners, major arts institutions, individual artists, mid-level arts organizations, state legislators, city government officials, state agencies such as Tourism and Education, and the Governor's office. IAC staff will formalize the list of categories to present at the full commission meeting on September 26. Mr. Stifel will then ask the commission membership to approve and to suggest individuals who might be willing to serve on the Steering Committee. Mr. Stifel expressed his desire to have a current or former commissioner chair the Steering Committee.

B. Planning Next Steps. A Not-for-Profit Capacity Assessment for Arts and Cultural Organizations has been completed. Mr. Ricci explained that input is now needed from various constituencies (individual artists, general public, arts regions, etc.) to "front-end load" the

planning process. Surveys need to be created and disseminated. Ms. Shupert-Arick offered the services of the Regional Arts Partners network of contacts to assist in broadcasting the surveys to a wide audience. Ms. Rentschler remarked that the more outreach and input, the better for the planning process.

C. Review of Planning Time Table. The Strategic Planning process begins in Fall 2009 and is scheduled to conclude in early 2011.

5. **Old Business.** There was no old business.

6. **New Business.** Ms. Ellerbrook thanked everyone for their work on the Governor's Arts Awards, to be held September 25 in Muncie. She noted that Cornerstone Center for the Arts, which is hosting the event, has met their sponsorship goal. Mr. Ricci announced that he has met with three new IAC Commissioners – Carol Trexler from Indianapolis, Linda Levell from Vincennes, and Jon Ford from Terre Haute. All three are expected to attend the quarterly business meeting on September 26. Ms. Mirro, commission chair, urged that the at-large members of IAC standing committees be finalized as soon as possible. Mr. Stifel thanked the committee membership for their active participation.

7. **Adjourn.** Ms. Rentschler moved to adjourn. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.